

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

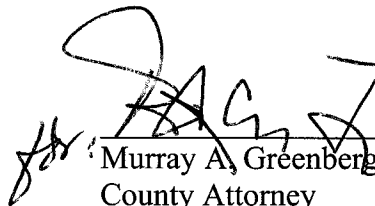
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution opposing
violence directed at
children

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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5-9-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT
CHILDREN

WHEREAS, all children need love, guidance and deserve to grow up in an environment free from violence and physical harm. Positive, non-violent, peaceful forms of discipline teach children to think beyond the immediate and give them a blueprint for future reference; and

WHEREAS, children are influenced by the model for behavior set by adults in their environment. When adults resort to violence, children are likely to learn this behavior is acceptable and imitate it with their peers; and

WHEREAS, childhood is a unique and critical stage of life. All children share the same basic needs for safety, health, love and dignity. Peaceful, communicative parenting supports a child's development; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that exposure to violence negatively impacts upon normal brain development and learning for all children; and

WHEREAS, violent behavior learned in the home and school environment is reflected in the behaviors of people throughout our communities, cities and societies at large. As a result of this violence, children and families are hurting, education systems and learning has been hindered, and prisons are overflowing with youth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board supports a proclamation that encourages non-violent discipline in the effort to reduce violence towards all but especially within the family and as directed towards children.

Section 2. This Board, on behalf of the children of Miami-Dade County, help establish ties between our schools and community through the promotion of mental health and family counseling programs to support families experiencing stress.

Section 3. This resolution shall serve as notice that Miami-Dade County has been and shall remain vigilant in guarding the best interests of the children of Miami-Dade County in all matters to the extent legally and feasibly possible.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



R.A. Cuevas, Jr.

